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Subpart A—Organization and Functions

§ 501.1 Purpose.

This part describes the organization, functions and Official Seal of, and the

delegation of authority within, the Federal Maritime Commission (“Commission”).

§ 501.2 General.

(a) *Statutory functions.* The Commission regulates common carriers by water and other persons involved in the foreign commerce of the United States under provisions of the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998 (46 U.S.C. app. 1701–1720); section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. app. 876); the Foreign Shipping Practices Act of 1988 (46 U.S.C. app. 1710a); sections 2 and 3, Pub. L. 89–777, Financial Responsibility for Death or Injury to Passengers and for Non-Performance of Voyages (46 U.S.C. app. 817d and 817e); and other applicable statutes.

(b) *Establishment and composition of the Commission.* The Commission was established as an independent agency by Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961, effective August 12, 1961, and is composed of five Commissioners (“Commissioners” or “members”), appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than three Commissioners may be appointed from the same political party. The President designates one of the Commissioners to be the Chairman of the Commission (“Chairman”).

(c) *Terms and vacancies.* The term of each member of the Commission is 5 years and begins when the term of the predecessor of that member ends (*i.e.*, on June 30 of each successive year), except that, when the term of office of a member ends, the member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. A vacancy in the office of any Commissioner shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the Commissioner whom he or she succeeds. Each Commissioner shall be removable by the President for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.